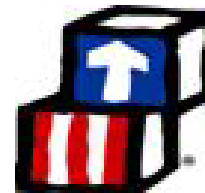


## **Announcing the 2009 Head Start Collaboration Special Projects Interns!**

The *Special Projects Internship Program* was created to nurture the development of a cadre of new leaders in Head Start for North Carolina. Promising leaders are selected via a competitive statewide process, and are offered a State-level perspective into the operations of the Head Start-State Collaboration Office and other State and federal programs that serve the interests of young children and families. The NC Head Start-State Collaboration Office is situated in the Office of School Readiness – the agency that houses North Carolina’s pre-k programs, including More at Four, Preschool Exceptional Children, Even Start Family Literacy, and Title I Preschool programs.



Special Projects Interns are chosen from a pool of candidates who demonstrate a history of significant early care and education experiences and strong program and community leadership. They contribute their skills and perspectives from the field to support State early childhood initiatives and federal priorities. The NC Head Start-State Collaboration Office is pleased to present the inaugural class of Special Projects Interns:

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### 2009 Head Start Collaboration Special Projects Interns



#### **Karl Allen**

Karl Allen works for the Yadkin Valley Economic Development District, Inc., Head Start Program. He has 8 years of progressive experience in Head Start serving as a substitute teacher, assistant teacher, lead teacher, and currently as the Onsite Administrator at Jones Head Start center. In his current role, he manages a Head Start site serving 106 children and staffed by 12 teachers. Mr. Allen graduated from Ferrum in 1981 with an AA degree and was also named "Who's Who Among American Junior College Students." Karl Allen currently attends Winston Salem State University and is pursuing a BA. degree in Early Childhood Education.



#### **Deborah Kalwat**

Deborah earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Special Education from Southern Connecticut State University with endorsements in Developmental Disabilities, Learning Disabilities and Emotional Disturbance. She has taught exceptional children in 5 states and has worked as a writer and editor for Mailbox magazines and books. Deborah has been the Education Specialist for Family Services, Inc. Head Start in Winston-Salem since 2004. She oversees the implementation of the curriculum, the screening and assessment programs and compliance with Federal, State and local regulations for classrooms serving 499 three and four year olds.